

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 535

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Pastor Kevin L. Adams, Sr., upon his twenty-two years in the ministry.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should recognize those venerable religious leaders who, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, enrich the lives of the people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such religious leader is Pastor Kevin L. Adams, Sr., Senior Pastor of Olivet Baptist Church in Chattanooga. Pastor Adams will soon celebrate his twenty-second anniversary as the spiritual leader of this sterling congregation; and

WHEREAS, called to preach at the age of eight, Pastor Adams has been preaching the Gospel for more than forty years, and he has served as the pastor of Olivet Baptist since his formal installation in December of 1991; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Adams has led the church through a period of incredible spiritual and physical growth during his years in the pulpit. The congregation had 300 members in 1991, and today, more than 5,000 people call Olivet Baptist home; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Kevin Adams is a leader in his profession who has contributed his expertise and experience to a number of programs and organizations. He is a regular guest on the Trinity Broadcast Network and THE WORD Network and is the founder of Kevin L. Adams Ministries, Inc. and the Heal the Land Conference, and also co-founded the Servant Leadership Council of Pastors and Ministers in Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Adams is also the author of *Defining Moments* and *The Defining Moments Workbook*; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Pastor Kevin L. Adams was given an Honorary Doctorate by Saint Thomas Christian College and, in 2010, he was inducted into the Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Board of Preachers; and

WHEREAS, he is perhaps proudest of the love and support he shares with his wife, the Lady Cynthia Adams, their three children, Kevin, Jr., Alexis, and Kayil, and his mother, Martha Adams; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that we recognize this community and church leader on this occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend and congratulate Pastor Kevin L. Adams, Sr., on the occasion of his twenty-second pastoral anniversary, extending our best wishes for his continued success and happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.